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 LR 360

I hope that we can hold the line on taxes, whether it's sales tax, income tax, fee on electrical bill, gas tax, whether it's because of bonding or whether it's because the city of Lincoln wants more money. We need to examine the status here of our tax burden. I'm starting to lose my voice and I hear the cheers already. But the issue of taxes will not go away as we know, as we found out. Most recently, we passed what we think is a temporary tax, but it comes back and, for very obvious reasons, it's extended. But my concern is we have revenues growing at about 4 percent, not too bad. It's not enough. And it concerns me when 4 percent growth is not enough. Most folks, most businesses, in fact, especially during somewhat shaky economic times, would be very pleased with 4 percent growth in their gross receipts. So please let's reject tax increases and especially the property tax increase because I think it puts us in a backward motion when it comes to trying to help the economy across our great state. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith, and I apologize for my "blurtness." Mr. Clerk, items.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Communication from the Governor to the Clerk (re LB 973). I have an amendment to be printed to LB 870 by Senator Kruse; Senator Schrock, an amendment to LB 479; Senator Mossey to LB 613; Senator Jensen to LB 1083; Senator Tyson to LB 1162; and Senator Bromm to LB 1091. Senator Landis would like to add his name to LR 360 as a cointroducer. (Legislative Journal pages 1436-1448.)

And, Mr. President, I do have a priority motion. Senator Janssen would move to adjourn until Friday morning at 9:00 a.m.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion to adjourn until Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. All in favor of such motion say aye. Opposed to the motion say nay. We are adjourned.

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